

Midday Prayers 2024: Transformation – Now! September: Seasons

Monday – Peace and reconciliation

‘Afflicted city, storm-tossed and not comforted,
I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise,
your foundations with sapphires.
I will make your battlements of rubies,
your gates of sparkling jewels,
and all your walls of precious stones.’

Isaiah 54:11

Christ our King,
you were storm-tossed by those you died to save;
rejected by those you came to build into your kingdom.
Yet now you shine with resurrection glory,
radiating bejewelled light,
as you stand on the foundations of eternity.

So, in your mercy, transform us in our hardships
and rebuild the foundations of our lives,
with sparkling jewels of your love and grace.

**May we shine as precious living stones,
reflecting the light of Christ our King,
and may his light transform the world.
Amen**

Tuesday – Seasons of creation

‘Remain in me, as I also remain in you.
No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.
Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.’

John 15:4

Lord, we would grow with you

New shoots reaching out
Hands stretched upward
Like leaves newly formed
Soaking up your light and warmth
Lord, we would grow with you.

Lord, we would grow with you

In sunshine and rain
In darkness and light
In cold days and summer days
From Springtime to Winter
Lord, we would grow with you.

Lord, we would grow with you
And bring forth fruit
That is pleasing to you
Fed by your living water
Giving sustenance to others
Lord, we would grow with you.
Amen
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Wednesday – Serving God and every season

‘Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.’
Ephesians 5:19

We will be glad and rejoice in you;
We will sing the praises of your name,
O Most High.

He rules the world in righteousness
and judges the peoples with equity.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

‘Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.’
Psalm 9: 2, 8-11

Righteous Lord,
may our songs of celebration
bring praise to your name
and joy to your world. Amen

Thursday – Seasons of peace and conflict

‘Come now, let us settle the matter’, says the Lord.
‘Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.’
Isaiah 1:18

Christ, our spotless Redeemer,
who cleanses us from sin,
look upon us with mercy and grace.

In shame, I come to Christ,
carrying the filthy rags of my sin,
stained in crimson guilt.

In faith, I lay them at Christ's feet,
whispering words of penitence,
helpless to make amends.

In love, Christ transforms my life,
making me clean as newly-fallen snow
with his crimson blood of righteousness

**Christ our spotless Redeemer,
who takes away the sin of the world,
we bring you our worship and praise.
Amen**

Friday – The radiance of Christ

‘Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day,
so was the radiance around him.
This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.’
Ezekiel 1:28

Christ our Lord,
radiant in splendour and glory,
shine your love into the darkness
and paint our lives with the rainbow hues
of your multi-faceted blessing.

Lift our eyes that we may delight
in the brightness and beauty
of your transformational love
which colours our lives with joy and hope.

**O Christ our Morning Star,
Splendour of Light Eternal,
shining with the glory of the rainbow,
come and waken us
from the greyness of our apathy
and renew us in your gift of hope.**

Amen

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Saturday – Lord of heaven

‘Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

**Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those
who seek the Lord rejoice.' *Psalm 105:1-3*

How can we not sing your praise
with heart and soul and proclaim your name
throughout the world?

**God of creation,
Awesome in power, Sustainer,
Provider, Saviour, Father of all,
there is none like you!**

How can we not declare your glory
through all that we are,
and proclaim your name
throughout this world? © *John Birch*

**Lord of heaven and earth,
may our songs of celebration
bring praise to your name
and joy to your world. Amen**